

Financial Aid awards endowed scholarships

by Brenda Thompson

Peering into the mailbox a white Wartburg College envelope stares back. Hearts race as the stamp reveals its origin in the Financial Aid Office. Questions come to mind. What is still owed? What grant has been cut? What form left unsigned? Trembling hands break the seal.

Then relief and perhaps disbelief. They're actually giving money.

This scenario has been played out a number of times in the last week as Financial Aid awarded more than 180 annual financed and endowed scholarships.

"We're very fortunate to have a

number of alumni and friends of the college who know about the good experiences and quality education Wartburg offers," the Rev. Tom Thomsen, director of financial aid said. "One way for them to help the college is to give money directly to students in scholarships."

Some scholarships are financed each year with a cash gift from the donors; others are endowed.

"Before an endowed scholarship is awarded, at least \$10,000 must be in place" Thomsen said. "The interest is awarded as a scholarship each year."

The amount of the awards is "approximately \$150 on up" according to

Thomsen. Collectively these scholarships represent more than \$220,000 each year.

Eligibility requirements are set by donors. Requirements can include area of study, need, year in school or grade point average.

"The vast majority of scholarships are given to the departments they pertain to," Thomsen said. "The professors recommend students to receive the scholarships. We provide them with a list of all the students in the major, their GPA's and class level." Financial Aid will then review the recommendations for any other guidelines, like need for example.

Students receiving scholarships are

asked to attend the Honor Convocation April 11, at 9:30 a.m. in Neumann Auditorium.

"We recognize all students who have received any academic scholarships and those donors that have funded them," Thomsen said.

Following convocation students and donors attend a reception in the Visitors Center and a dinner in Buhr Lounge.

"This is the high point of the year for many of our donors," Thomsen said. "I've heard many of them speak fondly of the students they got to know; many later exchange letters and phone calls. Often it's the beginning of a life-long relationship."

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Students to think about environment, homelessness

by Scott Bruns

The environment, homelessness and substance abuse are the topics students are asked to think about this week during Think Week 1991.

Think Week has been planned by Wartburg's four class presidents senior: Mike Crawford, junior Anissa Marth, sophomore Joel Glasglow and freshman Suzy Zuck.

"The purpose of Think Week is to get students to think about issues that are important in our society today," said Marth. "We want to get the campus involved in finding solutions to these problems."

Monday has been designated Environmental Awareness Day. Glasglow said an environmental display from the Iowa Department of Agriculture will be in Buhr Lounge. He also said that throughout the day recycling will be promoted across campus.

Homelessness will be the topic for thought Wednesday. Marth said the highlight of the day will be a homelessness presentation given by Campus Pastor Larry Trachte and a mime during chapel at 10:15 a.m. in Neumann Auditorium.

A homeless-shelter food line in the cafeteria will also give students a chance

to better understand the plight of the homeless. Marth said, Wednesday's noon meal "will be a realistic menu from a soup kitchen."

The Salvation Army will hold a clothes drive in Buhr Lounge Wednesday. Marth, in cooperation with the Leadership class, is asking students to donate old clothes and toys.

"I hope the day will raise an awareness that homelessness is a growing concern in Iowa," Marth said. "Hopefully, by confronting it, we can find a solution to this problem closer to home."

Friday will be Substance Abuse Day.

According to Zuck, non-alcoholic drinks will be served in the cafeteria during the supper hour. At 7:30 State Trooper Joel Roode will make a presentation in Buhr Lounge showing the effects of alcohol on students of different sizes.

Zuck also said Joe's Knight Hawk will have a designated driver program Friday night. Free pop will be available for the designated drivers.

"We want to promote a smarter drinking atmosphere on campus," Zuck said. "We especially want to stress the importance of not drinking and driving."

Williams voices concern about racism, values

Education to answer future challenges, says convo speaker

by Brenda Thompson

Dr. Herma Williams, chair and professor in the Department of Education and Leadership and Human Development at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA, spoke of several challenges facing the United States in the next decade.

Herma spoke with her husband Dr. Eric Williams, associate professor in the Department of Educational Leadership and Community Service in the School of Education at Howard University in Washington, D.C., at Thursday's convocation.

Herma said the first challenge is "attempting to fulfill and sustain a society where we are all equal." Quoting figures from a report by the Children's Defense Fund titled "A day in the life of," Herma indicated several groups at risk.

"Each day in the United States 16,000 women become pregnant; 3,000 are teenagers. Of those 1,000 abort and 400

miscarry. Of the 12,000 who give birth, 700 did not receive sufficient pre-natal care; 700 are low birth weight, 50 die before within the month, 100 before the first year.

"Each day nine children and teenagers die due to gun wounds, five teens commit suicide and 1,000 children are abused. Each day 3,000 children and teens run away, 2,000 serve sentences in adult jails and 2,500 babies are born out of wedlock."

"Education is the key to alleviate many of our problems," Herma said. "Yet one-third of our nation has not completed a high school education."

Race discrimination is another important issue.

"The gap continues to exist and is widening," she said. "If this is allowed to continue the whole United States will suffer. We will limit our ability to compete in the international market and our economy will falter."

She noted that by the year 2000, one-third of the labor force will be made up of minorities, yet today "black men are not even seeking higher education."

Another challenge will be the changing value system.

"Americans are changing their ideas about the meaning of work, gender relationships, the environment, war and peace," Herma said.

She attributes this change to water shortages, the deterioration of our infrastructure—road, bridges and railroads—the global financial structure, the constant threat of nuclear war, increasing family violence, the phenomena of children having children and AIDS.

The couple has also faced many personal challenges as a dual career family. According to Eric, when they decided to pursue graduate degrees, they had a number of considerations.

"We had to look at ourselves, different schools, admission requirements, finances, what to major in and how marketable that major would be," he said. "We also had to consider how to maintain a personal and family relationship; we had to consider the priorities of two, plan for two, dream for two."

He said each "learned to utilize the other person's strengths and become very flexible."

They are concerned that there isn't more emphasis on careers in higher education. They encourage students to consider a career in the academic world.

They also believe that education is one way to meet the challenges that lie ahead.

"Education fosters concern about what moves an individual, what hurts them," Herma said. "It leads us to make life more comfortable for the person next to us."

SHAC to sponsor mini blood drive

by Brenda Haines

The Student Health Awareness Committee will sponsor a mini blood mobile on Tuesday from 1 to 4 p.m. in the P.E. Complex.

The event's goal is to obtain 30 units of blood within three hours. People wishing to donate blood signed up in the cafeteria last week. The first 30-35 people signed up will donate.

"We didn't want to leave anyone out, which is why the signup was on a first come, first serve basis in the cafeteria

line," sophomore Suz Smolik, SHAC coordinator, said.

Other organizations or groups interested in sponsoring a mini mobile should contact Red Cross coordinator April Graveman at 234-6831. Sponsorship includes provision of a hostess, a donor aide and a canteen nurse for three hours, as well as 35 people to give blood.

The event has been labeled useful for the Red Cross because it requires less time of their nurses and less equipment.

Dinner to raise funds for symphony

Tickets are now on sale for this year's Wartburg Community Symphony fund-raising dinner, Symphonie Gastronomique.

The dinner is Friday and will begin with hors d'oeuvres in the Visitors Center at 6:15 p.m., followed by dinner in Buhr Lounge at 7 p.m.

"This fine gourmet dining experience will feature a beef dish of French origin and will delight the most discriminating palate," said Sandra

Rada who co-chairs the event with Ramona McKee.

Tickets are \$20 per person with proceeds designated to the Wartburg Community Symphony's string scholarship program. Seating is limited, and advance ticket purchase is required.

Tickets are available at the Visitor's Center and from members of the Symphony Association Board of Directors.

Knightbeat

Women and men strive to redefine gender in '90s

Happy belated Women's History Month! At the risk of generating hate mail, or at least "guys will never understand" mail, here are some of my thoughts on masculinity and femininity in 1991:

Everybody I talk to and every article I read says something different about where women are and how far they are from where they should be. They seem to me to be equal in the workplace, but I still read that they only get this or that percent for the same jobs as men. I wish I knew what to believe.

There is one sense in which I know men and women are not yet equal. I can't imagine fearing for my personal safety, even at night, except in "the big city." I wish I could wish away the lessened safety there is for the average American woman.

I know men and women aren't equal, still seeing women reduced to sex objects, often only to sell a product. True, the same thing is now sometimes done with men—equal rights of degradation!

But I can't see a woman's legs—only her legs—in advertising without remembering the convocation in which a woman described how dehumanizing it is to depict women as nothing but a set of parts. This ties back to the safety problem, I think. There are probably men who find it easier to rape a pair of legs—etc.—than a human being.

Men have further to go than women: only recently has the idea of "masculine theory" taken off. Many men still have only one definition of masculinity (macho or father-dictator, for example). They rain shame or worse upon those under their power who try to step out of that definition.

Male bonding, "Iron John," guys like me who try stumblingly to be "sensitive"—these things often seem silly, but then they are the first steps in a revolution which is years behind the feminine revolution. Besides, whoever said that nothing good could be silly? ("Logical" men used to.)

If this seems jumbled, perhaps that reflects femininity and masculinity today. We're jumbled up and in it together. We're too far along to go back. But we're not far enough yet to understand.

—Erik Piper—

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Bush puts end to Kurtz madness

I was expecting this one, actually. Late, late Sunday night—technically Monday morning—my phone rang. I stumbled over a form that was on the floor—my roommate had fallen off his bed again (yeah, but the top bunk? And he didn't wake up? Weird stuff happening all the time, know what I mean? Maybe not. Anyway, to get back to our story, or whatever it is...) and answered it.

"Mmmr-hello?"

"Hello, heh heh. May I please speak with Dave?"

"This is he? Who is this? Wait a minute, wait a minute! George?"

"That's right, heh heh."

"Well, I'm honored Mr. President. Um, where are you calling from?"

"I'm calling from the White House, of course."

"Do you know what time it is?"

"I sure do. I knew you and I were in different time zones, so I stayed up really, really late to catch you at a good time. Did I catch you at a good time?"

"Yeah, I'm having a real good time. Whoopee."

"Swell! Say, Dave, I just got a copy of your upcoming column. Your editor sent it to me, and I must say I'm very disappointed."

"Sir?"

"You have some disturbing reports about government and Wartburg activities concerning the recent Gulf War."

"Sir, I can substantiate all of my claims."

"Look here, you say Wartburg officials are on Pentagon payrolls. And that Wartburg is receiving special defense contracts to develop new weapons."

"Um, well, see Mr. President, it's like this..."

"It's like what, Dave? It's like what?"

"It's like...uh, I was running out of ideas and this seemed like an easy thing to make fun of..."

"I don't find it funny at all, Dave. You didn't have this cleared with military censors, did you?"

"But the war's over!"

"Cease-fire agreements haven't been signed yet. I'm afraid we're going to have to terminate your position. The paperwork should clear by May Term."

"You mean I'm out of a job?"

"Yes."

"Well, Mr. President, perhaps if I told you I'd be willing to work as a CIA informant...? Does that offer tempt your tummy?"

Kurtz Korner

by Dave Kurtz



"Mmmm, well, I don't know, Dave. See, we have so many at Wartburg already."

"What? Who?"

"Well, certain Wartburg officials, people who hold real power there, like Residential Life."

"Oh, give me a break."

"Hey! That's enough out of you, you little scud! Two more weeks! That's all you'll get! Now, goodbye...oh, and, uh, don't forget to vote for me in '92!"

Well, how do you like that? My original story was true.

But I guess you'll never get to read it, will you?

April fool charmed by children's books

(I was an April fool one day early—I thought there was no paper this week. Ha-ha. So here I am on Sunday afternoon trying to throw my thinking cap into overdrive. If this week's column seems particularly nonsensical and pointless, well...Give me a break! Huh? And happy foolishness to you all.)

I came to realize the importance of public libraries and children's books this week. I went Friday and Saturday to the library in Fayette (my hometown, kind of) to study, being the diligent student that I am (student who puts off major projects until the last few seconds of the 11th hour). I left with much more than just my homework done.

Piece of Mind

by Janice Hofer



The Fayette Public Library is a one-story white building that looks more like a bomb shelter than a home for tomes. I walked in and heard a loud racket—not very library-like. But then, that library isn't very library-like. It has three small sections, not quite rooms exactly. One is children's books, one is a display area with a few paintings of-or-by local people, and the largest area is everything else. Everything else includes adult books,

magazines, video and audio tapes, a desk, and a computer.

The computer was making all the racket. Well, actually it was the rotten local kids messing around with the computer. Despite the distractions, I hunkered down at the desk and tried to concentrate.

In a few minutes the librarian walked by, doing librarian-type tasks. I asked if the Upper Iowa library was open on Good Friday. She said no, she didn't think so. "Not a very quiet place to study, is it? Maybe it's quieter up front, away from the kids." So I went to the display area (a full 20 feet from the kids) and plunked down on an orange couch. I plugged into Simon and Garfunkel and began to read.

As my mind wandered, I admired the artwork, the most striking of which was of the famous "Nut Brothers," so named for their eccentric habits (bachelorhood being one). And I noticed the mobile hanging over my head with blue sea gulls, urging kids to read (dated summer, 1989). But what really caught my attention was the children's section, a scant 5 feet from my makeshift study area.

Before I knew it, I had abandoned my books for some others with big print and pictures. Now, I am a firm believer that all books should be required by law to have pictures. It'd increase literacy 100 percent, I'm convinced. And I've decided to try my hand at writing children's books.

So, with the excuse of "research," I gathered up an armful of colorful, glossy kid's books and sheepishly approached the desk. She asked if I had a card. I said I didn't think so, since it had been probably 15 years since I'd checked out a book there. She gave me one of those librarian looks.

Now, I'm the proud possessor of a library card and a stack of children's books. And the homework miraculously got done. Mostly.

News

CDC names new career education counselors

Five new career education counselors have been named at Wartburg College for the 1991-92 academic year, said Will Smith, Career Development Center director.

They are freshman Gia Batson, sophomore Marlene Geurts, and freshmen Beth Onsrud, Kevin Schmitz and Ann Underwood.

The counselors are responsible for arranging and conducting new student visits to the CDC as they begin career preparation. They follow up on the job

placement of new graduates, advise clients and program seminars.

The new counselors will train this spring and prior to school orientation next fall.

They will join returning counselors Julie Berg, Leah Hansen and Lisa LaRue, juniors, and Kristin Hacker, sophomore, for two specialized training sessions for all Wartburg paraprofessionals on April 7. These sessions cover such topics as team building, ethics, diversity and the role of

the paraprofessional.

"Career education counselors are the backbone of the CDC," Smith said. "Their involvement enhances the role of the Center by providing added personnel and programs that would otherwise be unavailable to Wartburg students."

Their effectiveness is proven by the fact that Wartburg has placed more than 98 percent of its graduates in jobs or in graduate school in each of the past four years.

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Knights look to knock off the 'Big Two'

Talent-laden Simpson and William Penn, known as the "Big Two" of Iowa Conference Baseball, have been selected by coaches to dominate again.

William Penn has won four titles in the last five seasons, and Simpson was first in 1987. Both teams competed in the NCAA Division III tournament in 1990, and Simpson placed second.

Central, Upper Iowa, Wartburg and possibly Buena Vista are considered contenders.

Simpson has a 7-1 record and William Penn is 5-4.

The outlook for the Iowa Conference teams:

Buena Vista Coach Lanny Grigsby faces a rebuilding year and says the power and speed are gone. He does return shortstop Keary Didier, first baseman Brian Knott and second baseman Brian Wilkin.

The top two pitchers are gone. However, Rick Snyder, the Beavers' top pitcher two years ago, will attempt to come back from an arm injury that kept him out of action last season.

Central All-conference pitcher-outfielder Rick Schulte and first baseman Jeff Collum lead Coach John Edwards' returnees. Schulte, who batted .382 last spring is expected to be the stopper.

Dubuque Coach Dennis Rima has 12 pitchers, and more depth than he had last year. Probable starters are Dale Sperflage, Paul Jacobsen, Chad Spect, transfers Jeff Rapp and John Rotz and freshman Tim Davis.

No Spartans made all-conference teams last season.

Loras First-year coach John Holst is trying to pick up a program that has never finished higher than eighth in the conference. He will look to all-league first baseman Tim Weber, who is being moved to the outfield, for considerable leadership.

Returning pitchers are Jim Chimienti, Chris Baumhover and Ken Anderson.

Luther Coach Paul Solberg returns four position starters and his top pitcher from a year ago, but says other players will have to develop quickly.

The returnees are led by all-conference utility player Scott VanderKrol, who batted .393. Dave Quello, who was 3-3 with a 2.91 ERA, will again be the top hurler.

Simpson The Redmen return five pitchers with varsity experience, including Dave Teske and Joel Johnson. Teske was 7-0 with a 2.92 ERA. Johnson was 6-2 with a 2.13 ERA.

Geoff Christy returns as the starting catcher. If Ryan Cooley, all-conference in 1989, does not switch to first base, the outfield is intact. That includes Tim Young (.439) and Joe Blake (.438).

Upper Iowa Coach Rick Heller, who directed his club to a third-place finish in the league, will have a veteran team. The pitching staff, anchored by veterans Tony Schager and Tim Seabrooke, will have more depth.

The infield, with the exception of third base, is experienced. It is headed by all-conference first baseman Eric Long, who hit .382 in 1990. Outfielder John Langley is moving from the infield to the outfield. He hit .377 and led the league in runs scored with 30 last spring.

Wartburg Coach John Kurtz has seven position starters back, but the Knights will be young on the mound, with the burden falling on freshmen and sophomores.

Junior Jeff Conrey will attempt to come back from a series of hamstring injuries.

The infield is intact now that shortstop Bill Petsche has recovered from a knee injury.

Senior returnees are all-conference third baseman Mike Horsfield (.407), second-team outfield selection Eric Wessels and second-team catcher Matt Petersen.

Kurtz is looking for a big RBI person, but the Knights should score runs and play sound defense. The big question is the young pitching staff.

William Penn Coach Mike Laird returns all five of his starting pitchers from last spring. The staff is led by Dan Nerat, the league's most valuable player in 1990 with an 8-1 record and a 1.67 ERA. Also returning are Todd Habel, 8-1, and Jeff Lindsey, who was 5-1 in the league.

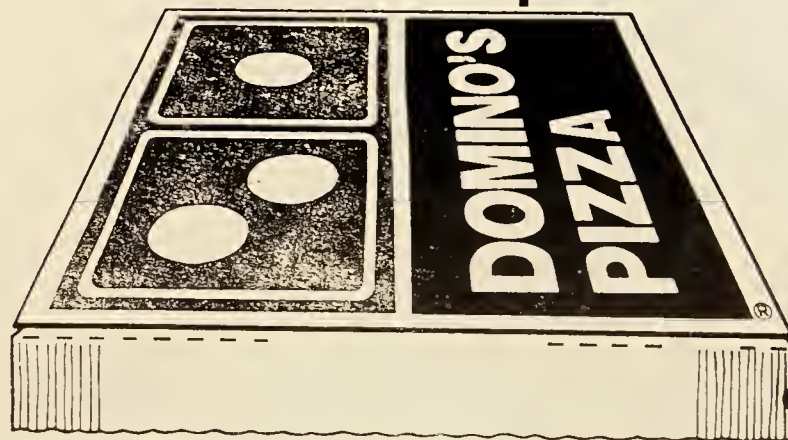
The infield, led by all-conference second baseman Rudy Rodriguez (.431), second-team shortstop Juan Batula and second-team utility player Doug Koester (.413), is intact. Denny Robinson, who led the league in runs-batted-in with 26, will again be the catcher.



Senior Eric Wessels digs in as he makes his way into third base for a triple. Wessels, along with seniors Mike Horsfield and Matt Petersen return to the Knights baseball squad after all-conference honors in 1990.

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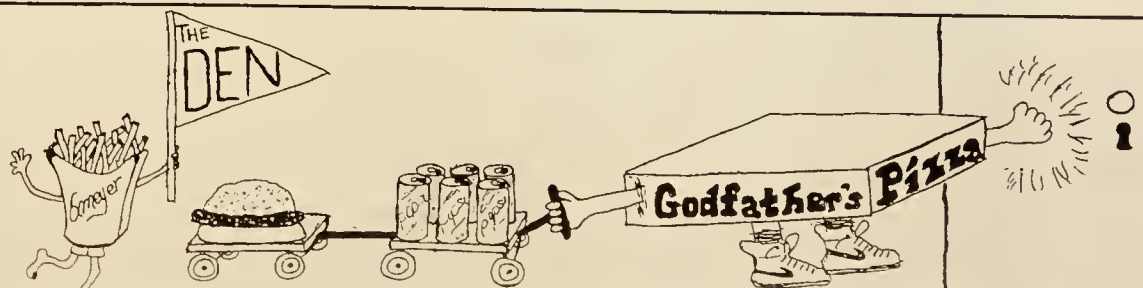
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